

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 1013
SPONSOR(S): Brummer
TIED BILLS:

Wekiva Parkway and Protection Act
IDEN./SIM. BILLS: SB 908

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) <u>Growth Management Committee</u>	<u>9 Y, 0 N</u>	<u>Grayson</u>	<u>Grayson</u>
2) <u>Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Committee</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
3) <u>State Infrastructure Council</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
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SUMMARY ANALYSIS

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- Clarifies that for those local governments located partially within the Wekiva Study Area, the requirements for a master stormwater management plan and a master wastewater facilities plan apply only to that portion of the local governments located within the Wekiva Study Area.
- Provides some exceptions to the January 1, 2006, date for a few of the required comprehensive plan amendments that must be adopted in the Wekiva Study Area.
- Omits small-scale amendments from Department of Community Affairs' review.
- Corrects a reference to the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

The bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact upon state resources.

The bill provides an effective date of upon becoming law.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

The bill does not appear to implicate any of the House Principles.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Effect of Proposed Changes

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Background

The Wekiva Basin, consisting of the Wekiva River, the St. Johns River and their tributaries along with associated lands in central Florida, is part of a vast wildlife corridor that connects northwest Orange County with the Ocala National Forest. The Wekiva River and its tributaries have been designated an Outstanding Florida Water, a National and Scenic River, a Florida Wild and Scenic River, and a Florida Aquatic Preserve. The central Florida region has experienced tremendous growth in the last 20 years resulting in increasing transportation demands and development pressure on lands within the Wekiva Basin.

The desire to balance the transportation needs associated with the projected growth and protection of the Wekiva Basin prompted Governor Bush to create the Wekiva Basin Area Task Force in 2002 to make recommendations on the most appropriate location for a highway route connecting State Road 429 to Interstate 4 while providing the greatest protection to the Wekiva Basin. Legislation to implement the Task Force's recommendations was considered during the 2003 legislative session, but did not pass.

In July, 2003, Governor Bush created the Wekiva River Basin Coordinating Committee to be a forum to identify enhanced land use planning strategies and development standards that are consistent with the protected property rights and which improve and assure protection of surface and groundwater resources, including the recharge potential of the Wekiva Study Area.

In 2004, the Legislature enacted the Wekiva Parkway and Protection and Act, part III, ch 369, F.S. The act implemented the recommendations of the Wekiva River Basin Coordinating Committee's Final Report of March 16, 2004, and provides legislative intent and a legal description of the Wekiva Study Area. The majority of the land within the Study Area contributes groundwater recharge to the Wekiva River and springs.

The Wekiva Parkway is any limited access highway or expressway constructed between SR 429 and Interstate 4 specifically incorporating the corridor alignment recommended by the Wekiva River Basin Area Task Force and the SR 429 Working Group. The Wekiva Parkway and related transportation facilities must follow the design criteria contained in the recommendations of the Wekiva River Area Task Force adopted by reference by the Wekiva River Basin Coordinating Committee, subject to reasonable environmental, economic and engineering considerations.

The Wekiva Parkway and Protection Act called for several studies to be conducted within the Wekiva Study Area. Those studies included:

- Requiring the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to study wastewater treatment standards needed to protect the surface and groundwater quality in the Study Area.
- Requiring the Department of Health, in coordination with the DEP to study onsite sewage disposal system standards needed to protect the groundwater quality in the Study Area.
- Requiring the St. Johns River Water Management District to initiate rulemaking to amend the recharge criteria in Rule 40C-41.063(3), F.A.C., to apply to all recharge lands within the Study Area. Also, the district must adopt a consolidated environmental resource permit/consumptive use permit for irrigation of urban landscape, golf courses, and other recreational areas. The district must conduct an analysis of the impact of redevelopment projects in the Wekiva River Basin upon aquifer recharge, and the district must update the minimum flows and levels for Rock Springs and Wekiva Springs and revise consumptive use permit thresholds in the Study Area to address proposed water withdrawals above 50,000 gal./day. Further, the district must establish pollution load reduction goals for the Study Area to be used by the DEP in adopting total maximum daily loads for impaired waters within the Study Area.
- Requiring the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to be the lead agency for coordinating the reduction of agriculture nonpoint sources of pollution.

The act required each local government within the Study Area to adopt a master stormwater management plan and a wastewater facility plan for joint planning areas and utility service areas where central wastewater systems are not readily available.

Each local government within the Study Area must adopt certain amendments to their local government comprehensive plans. Those amendments include:

- Adopting an interchange land use plan (only those local governments hosting an interchange).
- Ensuring implementation of the master stormwater management plan.
- Establishing land use strategies that optimize open space and promote a pattern of development that protects the most effective recharge areas.
- Providing an up-to-date 10-year water supply facility work plan for building potable water facilities necessary to serve existing and new development.

The act also created a 19-member Wekiva River Basin Commission to monitor and ensure the implementation of the Wekiva River Basin Coordinating Committee's recommendations. To date, the commission has met twice.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1. Amends s. 369.319, F.S., to clarify that for those local governments located partially within the Wekiva Study Area, the requirements for a master stormwater management plan apply only to that portion of the local governments located within the Wekiva Study Area.

Section 2. Creates s. 369.320(3), F.S., to clarify that for those local governments located partially within the Wekiva Study Area, the requirements for a master wastewater facilities plan apply only to that portion of the local governments located within the Wekiva Study Area.

Section 3. Amends s. 369.321, F.S., to provide an exception to the January 1, 2006, date for a few of the required comprehensive plan amendments that must be adopted in the Wekiva Study Area.

Section 4. Amends s. 369.324(4), F.S., to correct a reference to the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Section 5. Provides an effective date of upon becoming law.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

The bill does not appear to have an impact upon state revenues.

2. Expenditures:

The bill does not appear to have an impact on state expenditures.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

The bill does not appear to have an impact upon local government revenues.

2. Expenditures:

The bill does not appear to have an impact upon local government expenditures.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

The bill does not appear to have an impact upon the private sector.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

The bill does not require counties or municipalities to spend funds or to take an action requiring the expenditure of funds. The bill does not reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with counties or municipalities. The bill does not reduce the authority that municipalities have to raise revenue.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE & COMBINED BILL CHANGES

None.